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1. SECGEN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR NGUYEN DINH XUONG TOLD EMBOFF JULY 13 THAT REPORTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM EACH AUTONOMOUS CITY AND PROVINCE (WITH EXCEPTION OF QUANG DUC) REGARDING NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUAL LISTS AND CANDIDATES FILING FOR SEPTEMBER 11 CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. ON BASIS THESE REPORTS 157 LISTS HAVE BEEN FILED IN MULTI-MEMBER CONSTITUENCIES; 170 CANDIDATES HAVE FILED IN SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS. EXTRAPOLATING FROM NUMBER OF SEATS AT CONTEST IN VARIOUS MULTI-MEMBER DISTRICTS, THIS WOULD MEAN THAT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN HUNDRED CANDIDATES HAVE COME FORWARD TO RUN FOR THE 108 SEATS TO BE FILLED BY DIRECT ELECTIONS. (NINE MONTAGNARD SEATS WILL BE CHOSEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRIBAL CUSTOMS, PRESUMABLY ON BASIS OF SELECTION BY TRIBAL COUNCILS.) XUONG SAID THAT NAMES OF CANDIDATES WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE BEFORE JULY 15.

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2. XUONG SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THIS RESPONSE. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE FIGURES WERE NOT FINAL, THAT THERE UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE SOME SHRINKAGE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT

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SOME OF THOSE FILING WOULD HAVE TROUBLE FILLING OUT THEIR SLATES AND BE FORCED TO WITHDRAW. OTHERS MIGHT BE FORCED TO WITHDRAW FOR OTHER REASONS.

2. AS EXPECTED, A LARGE FRACTION OF LISTS ARE FROM THE SAIGON-GIA DINH AREA WHERE TWENTY-SIX SEATS WILL BE CONTESTED. FIFTY-FIVE LISTS WERE FILED IN THE FIVE DISTRICTS INVOLVED.

4. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THERE ARE THIRTY-ONE LISTS IN I CORPS. THREE INDIVIDUALS ARE CONTESTING THE SINGLE SEAT IN HUE.

ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION, ALL DISTRICTS ARE MULTI-MEMBER. SEVEN LISTS HAVE BEEN FILED IN DANANG, SIX IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, SEVEN IN QUANG NGAI, FOUR EACH IN QUANG TIN AND QUANG TRI, AND THREE IN THUA THIEN.

5. IN II CORPS TWENTY-ONE LISTS WERE FILED ALONG WITH FORTY-SIX INDIVIDUAL CANDIDACIES. IN III CORPS (EXCLUDING SAIGON-GIA DINH) FIFTEEN LISTS AND FORTY-FIVE INDIVIDUAL CANDIDACIES WERE FILED. TOTALS FOR IV CORPS WERE THIRTY-FIVE LISTS AND SEVENTY-SIX INDIVIDUAL CANDIDACIES.

6. ANALYSIS OF CANDIDACIES WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN NAMES AND AFFILIATIONS ARE KNOWN. LODGE

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